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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: ICC FINANCES

REF: VIENTIANE A-33

1. AMBASSADOR GHAREKHAN (ICC CHAIRMAN) TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR APRIL 18 TO URGENTLY REQUEST A U.S. CONTRIBUTION NOW TO ICC/LAOS. GHAREKHAN STATED THAT ICC WAS IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY AND THAT HE HOPED THE U.S. COULD MAKE A PARTIAL ADVANCE PAYMENT TO HELP THE ICC MEET ITS CURRENT OBLIGATIONS. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT U.S. ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION FOR FY-74 HAD BEEN MADE IN OCTOBER 1973, AND THAT, WHILE HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF FUNDING, IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT ADDITIONAL USG CONTRIBUTION PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF FY-75 WAS UNLIKELY. HE UNDERTOOK TO QUERY DEPARTMENT ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF USG MIGHT MAKE A PARTIAL PAYMENT PRIOR TO JUNE OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE.

2. ACCORDING TO BRITISH DCM, GHAREKHAN RECENTLY STATED ICC/LAOS  
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WAS "NO WORSE THAN USUAL." HOWEVER, ICC COMPTROLLER TOLD EMBOFF

APRIL 18 THAT ICC IS IN DIRE STRAITS AND WOULD BE OUT OF FUNDS BY MAY 1. INDIAN BOOKKEEPING MAKES PRECISE DIAGNOSIS OF STATE OF ICC FINANCES "IFFY" BUSINESS INDEED, BUT OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT ICC IS NOT ON VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY FOR LACK OF USG CONTRIBUTION AND THAT IT PROBABLY CAN LIMP ALONG UNTIL JULY 1.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF MAKING OUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO ICC/LAOS EARLY IN FY-75, RATHER THAN IN OCTOBER. SINCE PAYMENT IS FOR CY-74, IT WOULD APPEAR SENSIBLE, GIVEN ICC FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, TO MAKE SUCH A PAYMENT EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER IN CALENDAR YEAR. PLEASE ADVISE.

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